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R 201656Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7511

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY ROME

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AFDROUGHT

ROME FOR FODAG

EO 11652: NA

SUBJ: COTONOU/PARAKOU DELIVERY WEEKLY REPORT NO 17

AUG 10 TO AUG 16

REF A. COTONOU 1228 B. COTONOU 1227

1. SITUATION IN PORT OF COTONOU

EVACUATED STOCK AS OF 17 AUG  
TOTAL BY TRUCK

A. TOTAL RELIEF GOODS 611.7 0 1498.9 ESTIMATE

I. AID SORGHUM MAIL 611.7 0 1498.9 ESTIMATE

SACOTRA (DELTA PARAGUAY) 342.4 0 100.0

SOCOPAO (DEL SOL) 269.3 0 1398.9

B. TOTAL ESSENTIAL COMMERCIAL FOODS

I. SALT 1037.5 0 834.5 ESTIMATE

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SACOTRA 50.0 0 NA

SOCOPAO 987.5 0 834.5

C. AVERAGE RELIEF GOODS EVACUATED PER DAY 87.38 MT

D. GENERAL MERCHANDISE EVACUATED DURING REPORTING PERIOD  
819.0 MT

E. PERCENTAGE OF SUITABLE RAIL CARS DEVOTED TO ESSENTIAL  
FOODSTUFFS 60 PERCENT

F. ARRIVALS DURING REPORTING PERIOD: NONE

2. PARAKOU SITUATION EVACUATED NO TRUCKS STOCK AS OF

A. TOTAL GOODS 2723 MT 158 NA

B. RELIEF FOOD 88 MT 7 NA

C. GENERAL MERCHANDISE 2635 MT 51 NA

3. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, 26 MT OF SORGHUM FROM THE  
DEL SOL LOT (SOCOPAO) WERE SHIPPED ON 3 TRUCKS FROM PARAKOU  
TO GAO. DURNG VISIT TO PARAKOU AUG 19, CRAWFORD DISCUSSED  
TRUCKING SITUATION WITH OCDN REP WHO STATED THAT HE HAS MORE TRUCKS  
WAITING ON A GIVEN DAY THAN HE CAN LOAD. NONETHELESS, ACCORD-  
ING TO HIM, TRUCKERS WOULD RATHER WAIT IDLE IN PARAKOU FOR A  
FEW DAYS IN ORDER EVENTUALLY TO OBTAIN A CARGO FOR NIGER THAN  
ACCEPT A LOAD OF SORHUM FOR GAO.

4. FIGURES OBTAINED FOR MOVEMENT OF SORGHUM IN AND OUT OF  
PARAKOU AS OF AUG 19 AM ARE:

RECD BY	FREIGHT	BOAT	EVAC FROM	STOCKAS OF 19 AUG
PARAKOU	FORWARDER		PARAKOU TO GAO	

1135.531 MT SACOTRA	DELTA	68.230 MT	1067.301 MT
PARAGUAY			

660.469 SOCOPAO	DEL SOL	349.779 MT	265.690 MT
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251.144 MT SOCOPAO	HELENE ROTH	0	1584.135 MT
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SACOTRA HAS THEREFORE SHIPPED ALMOST 100 PERCENT OF ITS CON-  
SIGNMENT AS FAR AS PARAKOU. THE 911.5 MT SHIPPED BY SOCOPAO  
REPRESENT APPROX 36 PERCENT OF ITS CONSIGNMENT. SORGHUM IS  
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NEATLY STACKED UNDER COVER IN THREE WAREHOUSES. WAREHOUSES ARE  
CLEANER THAN THOSE IN WHICH SORGHUM CURRENTLY STORED IN  
COTONOU. THERE ARE FEW BROKEN OR DAMAGED BAGS IN EVIDENCE.  
SOME FLYING (PROBABLY EPHESTIA CAUTELLA) AND CRAWLING INSECTS  
(APPARENTLY MAGGOTS AND WEEVILS) WEERE SEEN ON OR AROUND STACKS.  
HOWEVER, STACKS SEEMED GENERALLY CLEARNER THAN THOSE CURRENTLY  
IN COTONOU. NO CAPABILITY FOR FUMIGATION IS MAINTAINED IN PAR-  
ALOU. IN ORDER TO FUMIGATE SORGHUM THERE, TECHNICIANS WOULD

HAVE TO BE SENT FROM COTONOU EQUIPPED WITH INSECTICIDE, TARPS,  
AND WHATEVER OTHER MATERIALS MIGHT BE NECESSARY. SINCE SORGHUM  
MIGHT HAVE TO BE  
RESTACKED INTO SMALLER LOTS, OPERATION COULD TAKE SEVERAL  
DAYS. IN VIEW THESE FACTS AND EVIDENCE THAT RATE OF EVACUATION  
FROM COTONOU MAY BE ACCELERATING, SUGGEST BAMAKO AND NIAMEY  
INVESTIGATE NECESSITY AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR FUMIGATING  
SORGHUM UPON RECEIPT.

5. VISIT OF OCDN DIR DOREGO TO PARAKOU, NIAMEY, GAO MEN-  
TIONED REF B WAS DELAYED. DOREGO DEPARTING COTONOU EVENING  
AUG 20. WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE NIAMEY EVENING AUG 21 WHERE HE  
WILL DISCUSS AVAILABILITY OF OPVN TRUCKS FOR NIAMEY AND GAO  
SHIPMENTS. PLANS TO PROCEED BY LAND ROVER TO GAO THEN RETURN  
COTONOU BY AUG 29. AID COTONOU WILL CONTACT HIM THEN FOR LATEST  
INFO ON PARAKOU/GAO ROAD.  
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